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TITLE: HEAT-INSULATING CONTAINER AND)
APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith as a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the paragraph as shown on the attachment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-17 and 29-36. Accordingly, claims 18-28 and 37-48 remain herein for examination.

PRIORITY

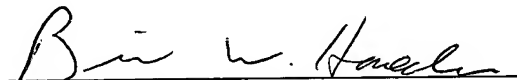
It is noted that certified copies of the six Japanese priority applications were submitted during the PCT phase in International Application No. PCT/JP98/03814.

Respectfully submitted,

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This application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/269,594 filed March 29, 1999, which U.S. application is hereby incorporated herein by reference.